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SUBJECT: AZORE AN SITUATION

1. PONTA DEL GADA PRESENTLY CALM. TROOPS CONTINUE TO GUARD
RADIO STATION AND AIRPORT BUT OTHERWISE NO VISIBLE SECURITY
MEASURES IN EFFECT.

IT APPEARS THAT ATTEMPT MADE YESTERDAY TO ORGANIZE DEMONSTRAT-
ATION AGAINST JUNE 9 ARRESTS. AT NOON LOCAL RADIO STATION
BROADCAST COMMUNIQUE BY AZOREAN MILITARY COMMAND WHICH ADVISED
THAT " CLANDESTINE GROUPS" POSSIBLY BLETTEIRES)
PLANNING DEMONSTRATION. IT VOWED PREVENT DEMONSTRATION
BY FORCE, IF NECESSARY.

TROOPS SUBSEQUENTLY POSTED AT MAJOR INTERSECTIONS AND APPROACHED
TO PONTA DEL GADA. AREA IN FRONT OF MILITARY HEADQUARTERS
CLOSED TO AUTOMOBILE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC FOR SEVERAL HOURS.

NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED.

TERCEIRA MILITARY COMMAND ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT FOUR PERSONS
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HAD BEEN DETAINED ON TERCEIRA FOR ALLEGED SEPARATIST ACTIVITIES.

THEY WILL BE INVESTIGATED ALONG WITH SAO MIGUEL 29 BY MILITARY COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY. WE HAVE HEARD BUT CANNOT CONFIRM THAT 4 MORE PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED ON SAOMIGUEL ON JJUNE 9 AND 10. THOSE ALREADY ARRESTED REMAIN ON TERCEIRA, WHERE THEY NOW BEING ALLOWED MAKE PHONE CALLS AND HAVE VISITORS. WIFE OF CONSULATE EMPLOYEE CRUZ TOLD US HE HAD SPOKEN TO HIM BY PHONE; THAT THEY BEING WELL TREATED BUT HAD NO IDEA WHEN WOULD BE RELEASED.

COMMENT FOUR. COMMENT: 19 ARRESTS HAVE THOROUGHLY SHAKEN PONTA DEL GADE UPPER AND MIDDLE CLASSES. VIRTUALLY ALL HAVE RELATIVES OR FRIENDS AMONG DETAINEES; SOME FELT THEY WILL BE NEXT. THEY DISTRESSED OVER REPORTED ATTACKS IN LISBON PRESS AGAINST GENERAL PINTO MAGALHAES, LT. COLONEL MIRANDA, AND MAJOR MONIZ, ALL OF WHOM RESPECTED AND TRUSTED HERE. 8 SPOKE WITH MONIZS WIFE THIS MORNING. SHE WAS VERY NERVOUS, PHYSICALLY SHAKING, ABOUT HER HUSBANDS POSITION. SHE SAID SHE HAS BEEN RECEIVING THREATENING PHONE CALLS AND EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT HER ABILITY TO SUPPORT HER LARGE FAMILY SHOULD HER HUSBAND BE ARRESTED. PEOPLE HERE ARE BECOMING TENSE AND ARE VISIBLY WORRIED ABOUT FUTURE.

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